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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of September 23, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 23, 2004, and for which a Request for Extension of time for two months is being filed herewith, setting the period for response to expire on February 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.